

### Amendments to the Specification

(Same as in last communication) Replace the second full paragraph on page 7 with the following:

The body 20 also includes anchoring surfaces 36 adjacent each end 22, 24, which enhance retention of the connector 10 in the concrete layers 14, 16. The anchoring surfaces 36 are formed into the body 20 in any convenient manner. In a preferred manufacturing process, the body 20 is formed by pultrusion, and the anchoring surfaces 36 are cut or milled into the body 20 after the polymer material has hardened. Materials preferred for use in forming the connectors 10 and body 20 are fiber reinforced polymers, including glass-reinforced thermoset resins, such as ~~DEXRANE~~DERAKANE<sup>®</sup> epoxy vinyl resin (Dow Chemical).